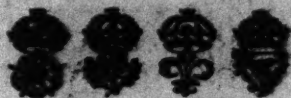


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THE HUMBLE
PETITION
AND
REPRESENTATION
OF
The GENTRY, MINISTERS, and
others of the Counties of *Cumberland*
and *Westmerland*, to His Sacred
MAJESTIE:

WITH
His Majesties Answer thereunto.
York, 5^o Julii 1642.



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To the KINGS most Excellent
MAJESTIE,

The humble Petition and Representation of the
Loyall and Dutifull affections of the Gentrie,
Ministerie, and others Your Majesties
Subjects of the Counties of *Cumberland*
and *Westmerland*, whose names are
hereunto annexed.

Most Gracious Sovereign,



Eacknowledge, with all possible
Retribution of gratitude, Your
Majesties Princely favour in
yeelding Your Royall Assent to
such Bills as have passed since the
beginning of this present Parli-
ament; As for your gracious De-
claration to continue the same as occasion requi-
red, for remedying the evils and perils incident to
Church and State, and for your firm Resolution
that the Laws of the Land should be the Rule of
your Government: But more particularly endeared
to our memories is that Royall sense your Majestie
expressed of our dangerous condition and impen-
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dent fears, when we stood ingaged as part of the Pledge to the Scottish Army; and Your personall recommendation thereof to the speedie consideration of both Your Houses of Parliament. The former benefits we hold as the fruit of Your generall care, equally extending to all; by this You suffered your Royall Nature to be tendered with a Compassion more nearly regarding us; for which Grace we conceive our selves tyed in a more singular and strait Obligation then the most of your other Subjects are, in which respect our just fears might have presented us too remisse in performance of this dutie, after so many had gone before us, but that our paucity, and the inconsiderableness of these Countreies for quantity and quality, with-held us thus long, untill the too visible distempers of the times justled out such fears, as now unseasonable: Our own sense is our assurance of your Gracious Government, we see and acquiesce in this truth, That your Majesties profession of the true Protestant Religion, and the exercise of it go together; nor can we take up any more effectuall ground for a belief of sincerity. All our happinesse, and that of all your Dominions would be compleat, and what were wanting we were in the way for, if a right Understanding were renewed between your Majestie and great Councell.

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It is therefore our humble desire, That your Majestie would still be pleased in your Wisdom to recollect, and in Your Goodnesse to embrace all good means that may tend to this happy union, whereby we may reap the true enjoyment of the long labours of your Majestie and great Councell, for the effecting whereof we shall redouble our Petition, that some place may be thought on, which may be free from exception both of danger and distrust; and then we doubt not, but by Gods Almighty power such wayes and means might happily be propounded, as may reconcile all differences and mistakings, and your Majestie have full satisfaction in your Demands.

And we (as we are bound) shall be ready, according to our Power, with our lives and fortunes to defend your Majesties Person, Honour, Crown and Dignitie, the Religion and Laws established, against all Maligners of your Majesties Royall Prerogative, and the peace and prosperitie of this Kingdom.

Hereunto were annexed the names of four thousand seven hundred seventy and four of the Knights, Gentlemen, and others of the Counties aforesaid.



At the Court at York,

July 5. 1642.

*His Majestie hath commanded me to give this expresse
Answer to this Petition.*

That His Majestie is very well pleased with the Dutie and Affection of this Petition, and hath commanded me to signifie His good Acceptance of it, and Thanks for it to the Petitioners, and to assure them, That if some others had had the same sense of, and gratitude for His Justice and favour towards them in the yielding of His Royall Assent to so many good Bills, as the Petitioners have, and given as good credit to His professions and protestations for the defence of the Religion and Laws established, as the Petitioners give, and been as ready to recollect and embrace all good means that might tend to a happy union, and renew a right understanding between His Majestie and His Parliament, as His Majestie hath been, is, and ever shall be; This (by the help of God) had been by this time a
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most secure, united and happy Kingdom, free from all the present Jealousies, Distractions and Dangers. And as His Majesty consents with the Petitioners in a most earnest desire that such a way may be discovered and pursued, which might reconcile all Differences and Mistakings, and by which He might have full satisfaction in His just Demands; so He likewise consents with them, that the choice of some place free from exception, both of danger and distrust, would be the most probable, and indeed a certain means to attain that end: which out of His great affection to Justice and Peace, and His Care of the Freedome (which is the principall Priviledge) of Parliament, His Majesty hath often intimated, and of late seriously recommended to both Houses, but not onely without Success, but without Answer.

His Majesty doth likewise assure the Petitioners, that He will no longer expect that they should make good their Professions of being ready according to their power with their libes and fortunes to defend His Person, Honour, Crown and Dignity, then He shall be ready according to His Power, with His life and fortune, to defend the Religion and Laws established against all Maligners of the Peace and Prosperity of the Kingdom.

Falkland.

FINIS.